

## PRELIMINARY LOSS REPORT 05149

### POV CRASH CLAIMS 1 SOLDIER'S LIFE -- ACCIDENT

A 4th Infantry Division Soldier was killed in a POV accident on 5 September 2005 at 0130 local in Teller County, CO. The 30 year-old SSG was eastbound on a highway when his pickup truck ran off the road hitting the guard rail. The truck then rolled down an embankment. Alcohol was a factor in this accident (Soldier's BAC was .218 - confirmed by local medical authority). The NCO was not wearing a seatbelt and was fatally injured. His two passengers, both wearing their seatbelts, were transported to the hospital and released.

Including this accident, there were **325** Class A-C Army **POV** accidents from the start of FY05 to 5 September 2005, resulting in **127** Soldier deaths.

Don't let this happen in your formation. Consider these actions to help prevent similar POV accidents:

- **Strictly enforce no drinking and driving policies. When there is clear evidence from a non-privileged source, consider taking appropriate action against the Soldier. This could include not in-line-of-duty findings.**
- **Have your Soldiers view the video on the POV crash reported in PLR 0523**  
([View the PLR Video](#) ).

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